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SUBJ: CELEBRATION OF 16TH ANNIVERSARY OF UPPER

VOLTA'S INDEPENDENCE.

1. OUAGADOUGOU CELEBRATED THE 16TH ANNIVERSARY OF UPPER VOLTA'S INDEPENDENCE ON AUGUST 5 WITH A SIMPLE CEREMONY ON INDEPENDENCE SQUARE IN FRONT OF THE PRESIDENCY. THE CEREMONY WAS ATTENDED BY PRESIDENT LAMIZANA AND MEMBERS OF HIS GOVERNMENT, THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS, RELIGIOUS AND TRADITIONAL LEADERS AND SEVERAL MILITARY UNITS FROM THE OUAGADOUGOU GARRISON. THIS WAS THE OCCASION FOR THE GRANTING OF DECORATIONS TO SOME 80 CIVILIANS AND MILITARY FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICES.

2. THE PREVIOUS EVENING, PRESIDENT LAMIZANA DELIVERED A SHORT SPEECH ON TELEVISION AND RADIO DURING WHICH HE PLEADED FOR UNITY AND FOR AN END TO TRIBALISM AND REGIONALISM. HE ALSO REFERRED TO "CERTAIN PESSIMISM" REGARDING THE HEALTH OF VOLTAN PUBLIC FINANCES AND ASSURED HIS LISTENERS THAT UPPER VOLTA WOULD HAVE NO DIFFICULTY WHATEVER IN MEETING ITS FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS (IT WILL UNCLASSIFIED

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BE RECALLED THAT FINANCE MINISTER SANFO WAS DISMISSED

TWO WEEKS AGO AFTER HE HAD GIVEN IMPRESSION DURING  
A PRESS CONFERENCE THAT THERE WAS SOMETHING WRONG WITH  
UPPER VOLTA'S PUBLIC FINANCES).GRAHAM

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